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# Translation Checklist

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As sentences become more complex, students are often insecure about their answers and want confirmation for every choice they make. Students need to learn how to evaluate their answers correctly, so they don't waste class time asking about every deviation from the key. Below is a checklist to help students distinguish between an error and legitimate choices in their answers. Go over this with your students thoroughly. These topics are listed in the order that students will encounter them, so you will have to refer to this checklist throughout the year. Latin word order is very flexible, so an answer that deviates from the norm is not wrong. However, the exercises stick with the usual word order *most of the time*, and so should the student.

## 1. Word Choice

There are two or more meanings for many vocabulary words. All choices are correct unless there are specific restrictions about certain meanings. The answer key doesn't always give each alternative meaning. Sometimes the key will give both choices for words with more than one meaning, but not on a consistent basis.

## 2. Verb Tenses

a. For the sake of convenience, this text will use *you* for singular and *you all* for plural.

b. There are three choices for the present tense.

*I call      I do call      I am calling*

c. There are three choices for the perfect tense.

*I called      I did call      I have called*

d. The English simple past (*called*) is often a correct translation for the Latin imperfect tense.

For a repeated action, *I called every day* sounds better in English than *I was calling every day*.

e. The imperfect of **sum** can be *I was* or *I was being*; the perfect can be *I was* or *I have been*.

## 3. Other Parts of Speech

a. In Latin the indirect object usually precedes the verb, and can be translated two ways in English.

*I gave the dog a bone      or      I gave a bone to the dog*

b. A possessive can be translated two ways—both are correct. In Latin the genitive usually precedes the noun, but it is not incorrect if it follows.

*Mary's house      or      the house of Mary*

c. Possessive pronoun adjectives are frequently omitted in Latin but not in English.

*I love my father.      Patrem amo.*

d. The location of prepositional phrases is variable in both Latin and English. Both sentences below are correct in English; likewise in the Latin, the prepositional phrase can be before or after the main clause.

*They made an altar to God at the foot of the mountain.*

*At the foot of the mountain, they made an altar to God.*

e. The location of an adverb is variable, although it usually precedes the verb in Latin.

*We took the money easily.      or      We easily took the money.*

## 4. More Verb Tenses, Passive Voice

a. The present and imperfect passive tenses can be translated with or without *being/been*.

**Present:**      *I am called*      or      *I am being called*

**Imperfect:**      *I was called*      or      *I was being called*

## Parsing Guidelines

In each Unit Review, you will be asked to give the dictionary form of and parse Latin words. To *parse* means to provide following grammatical information for each part of speech:

- a. **Nouns and Pronouns:** case, number, and gender (nouns only)  
**puellam** – acc. sing. m.  
**mihi** – dat. sing.
- b. **Adjectives:** case, number, and gender; modifies \_\_\_\_\_  
**miseros** – acc. pl. m., modifies **viros**
- c. **Adverbs:** from [adjective]  
**liberē** – from **liber -bera -berum**
- d. **Prepositions** – preposition  
**pro** – preposition
- e. **Interrogative Pronouns and Adverbs** – interrog. (for *interrogative*)  
**quando** – interrog.  
 (For **-ne**, see example below.)
- f. **Verbs** – person, number, tense, voice, and mood (In *SFL*, the mood will always be *indicative*.)  
**amaverunt** – 3rd pl. pres. act. ind.

For labeling, use the ones found in the *SFL Student Text* appendices. For Interrogative Pronouns and Adverbs (*SFL* Lesson XXI), you should use the label "Int." Draw parentheses around prepositional phrases and the ablative of means when you label the sentences. (N.B. A prepositional phrase includes the Preposition, Object of the Preposition, and all modifiers.) Below is an example:

### Docebatne fidēliter magister puellas dulces in domu Marci?

For each word, give the dictionary form and parse.

<b>docebatne</b>	<b>dóceo docēre dócui doctus</b> to teach	3rd sing. impf. act. ind.
	<b>-ne</b> enclitic to form yes-or-no questions	interrogative
<b>fidēliter</b>	<b>fidēliter</b> faithfully	from <b>fidelis -e</b>
<b>magister</b>	<b>magister magistrī</b> <i>m.</i> teacher	nom. sing. m.
<b>puellas</b>	<b>puella -ae</b> <i>f.</i> girl	acc. pl. f.
<b>dulces</b>	<b>dulcis -e</b> sweet, pleasant	acc. pl. f. modifies <b>puellas</b>
<b>in</b>	<b>in</b> <i>w/abl.</i> in, on	
<b>domu</b>	<b>domus -ūs</b> <i>f.</i> house	abl. sing. f.
<b>Marci</b>	<b>Marcus -i</b> <i>m.</i> Mark	gen. sing. m. modifies <b>domu</b>

V-t    Int    Adv    SN    DO    Adj    P    OP

Label each word: Docebatne fideliter magister puellas dulces ( in domu Marci? )

Translate: Was the teacher faithfully teaching the sweet girls in Mark's house?



# UNIT I REVIEW

## NOUNS & ADJECTIVES

**I. Word Study and Grammar**

1. What are the three nominative singular endings for 2nd-declension masculine nouns?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Second-declension nouns and adjectives that end in **er** in the nominative singular either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ the letter **e** in the stem.
3. What kind of verbs have indirect objects? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the two ways to show an indirect object in English? \_\_\_\_\_
5. In Latin the indirect object is in the \_\_\_\_\_ case.
6. What are the two ways to show possession in English? \_\_\_\_\_
7. In Latin the possessive noun is in the \_\_\_\_\_ case.
8. Third-declension nouns which have a genitive plural in **-ium** are called \_\_\_\_\_.
9. What are the two types of adjectives in Latin? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Third-declension adjectives are related to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The genitive case is used to express \_\_\_\_\_ and many other \_\_\_\_\_ expressions.
12. The subject is \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The predicate tells \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Give the five sentence patterns you have learned.  
#1 \_\_\_\_\_  
#2 \_\_\_\_\_  
#3 \_\_\_\_\_  
#4 \_\_\_\_\_  
#5 \_\_\_\_\_
15. How many verb complements have you learned? Name them. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Genitive Case - Nouns**

Declension	Genitive Singular Ending	Genitive Plural Ending
1st		
2nd M		
2nd N		
3rd M/F		
3rd N		
3rd <b>i-stem</b>		
4th		
5th		

**Dative Case - Nouns**

Declension	Dative Singular Ending	Dative Plural Ending
1st		
2nd M		
2nd N		
3rd M/F		
3rd N		
4th		
5th		

**II. Vocabulary Review**

Say aloud and then write in dictionary form. Practice until you know these words perfectly!

English	Latin
short, brief	
easy	
difficult	
strong, brave	
heavy, serious, severe	
each, every (s.), all (pl.)	
shameful, disgraceful	
sweet, pleasant	
faithful	
noble	

**II. Vocabulary Review (cont.)**

English	Latin
left, left-handed	
tribe	
evening	
teacher (female)	
sea	
man	
sick, ill	
book	
field, ground	
ship	
sacred	
knife	
citizen	
hill	
city	
free	
enemy	
wretched	
boy, child	
teacher (male)	
sharp, harsh	
beautiful	
children	
mountain	
lazy	
bridge	
part, region	
whole, uninjured	
right, right-handed	



### III. Declensions

Decline **vir viri**, **vesper vésperi**, and **culter cultri**.

	vir		vesper		culter	
N						
G						
D						
A						
A						

Decline **sacer** in all three genders. Complete declension in horizontal rows and recite aloud.

#### Singular

Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

#### Plural

Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

Decline **asper** in all three genders. Complete declension in horizontal rows and recite aloud.

Singular		
Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

Plural		
Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

Decline **omnis** in all three genders. Complete declension in vertical rows and recite aloud.

Singular		
Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

Plural		
Masculine	Feminine	Neuter

**IV. Translation**

Follow the guidelines in the front of this book.

**1. Duci partem Hispâniae demonstrabamus.**

For each word, give the dictionary form and parse.

**duci** \_\_\_\_\_

**partem** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hispâniae** \_\_\_\_\_

**demonstrabamus** \_\_\_\_\_

Label each word: Duci partem Hispâniae demonstrabamus.

Translate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Nóbiles viri cívibus secundam cenam paraverunt.**

For each word, give the dictionary form and parse.

**nóbiles** \_\_\_\_\_

**viri** \_\_\_\_\_

**cívibus** \_\_\_\_\_

**secundam** \_\_\_\_\_

**cenam** \_\_\_\_\_

**paraverunt** \_\_\_\_\_

Label each word: Nóbiles viri cívibus secundam cenam paraverunt.

Translate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Translation (cont.)****3. Forti filio pater fidelis cultrum dabit.**

For each word, give the dictionary form and parse.

**forti** \_\_\_\_\_

**filio** \_\_\_\_\_

**pater** \_\_\_\_\_

**fidelis** \_\_\_\_\_

**cultrum** \_\_\_\_\_

**dabit** \_\_\_\_\_

Label each word: Forti filio pater fidelis cultrum dabit.

Translate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**4. Quattuor pueri aegri sunt difficiles filii agricolae.**

For each word, give the dictionary form and parse.

**quattuor** \_\_\_\_\_

**pueri** \_\_\_\_\_

**aegri** \_\_\_\_\_

**sunt** \_\_\_\_\_

**difficiles** \_\_\_\_\_

**fili** \_\_\_\_\_

**agricolae** \_\_\_\_\_

Label each word: Quattuor pueri aegri sunt difficiles filii agricolae.

Translate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_